WAR DEPARTMENT CIRCULARS RELATING TO OFFICER DRESS UNIFORMS 1936-1937

Circular No. 48
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White Dress Uniform

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, July 25, 1936.

White dress uniform - Changes in AR 600-35.--1. a. A white dress uniform with lapel collar is adopted for wear by commissioned officers and warrant officers on occasions for which white uniforms are authorized.

b. The present authorized commercial white shirt, turn down white collar, plain black four-in-hand necktie, white shoes and socks will be worn. White dress gloves, service ribbons or decorations, service medals and badges will be worn as at present.

c. Insignia of grade, "U.S.", and arm or service, and cap insignia will be worn as on service uniform. Regimental distinctive insignia or badges, and shoulder sleeve insignia will not be worn on the white uniform.

d. Existing white dress clothing is authorized to be worn, but white dress uniforms procured hereafter will be of the new type. (See illustration on page 4.)

2. Pending the revision of AR 600-35, December 31, 1926, paragraphs 5b, 9c, and 12c of those regulations are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

5. Coats.

b. * * * White dress.--(For officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons only.)

(1) Material.--Snow-white summer cloth (Palm Beach, etc.), linen, cotton twill, or duck.

(2) In general.--A single-breasted, semiform-fitting sack coat, extending to crotch, with no pronounced flare or waistline seam. To fit easily over the chest and shoulders and to be slightly fitted at the waist to conform to figure. The left front to appear straight from top button to bottom of front. Buttoned down the front with four large regulation coat buttons equally spaced. Sufficient flare to be on the right front in order to remain underlapped. All buttons to be detachable.

(3) Back.--A vent in the back to extend from immediately below waistline to bottom, following the back seam and with an underlap of approximately 2-1/2 inches.

(4) Collar and lapel.--The collar to measure approximately 1-5/8 inches in width at the back, the opening between collar end and lapel not to exceed 1/2 inch. Lapels to be semipeaked, not wider than 1/2 inch more than collar end, and the top edge to be horizontal.

(5) Shoulder loops.--On each shoulder a loop about 2-1/2 inches in width at the lower end, let in the sleeve head seam and reaching to edge of collar. Upper end pointed and buttoned to coat with a small regulation coat button.

(6) Ornamentation.--A band of white braid 1/2 inch in width, on each sleeve, the lower edge 3 inches from end of sleeve.

(7) Pockets.--Four outside pockets, two upper and two lower of suitable size, according to size of coat. Each pocket covered with a flap, pointed at corners and center, buttoned at center with a small regulation coat button, and placed with the upper edges in a prolonged horizontal line.

(a) Upper.--The two upper pockets to be patch pockets, slightly rounded at lower corners, with a box plait 1-1/2 inches in width on the vertical center line. The following dimensions are not to be exceeded: depth, 6-1/2 inches; width, at top, 5 inches; at bottom, 5 inches. The flap buttons to be on a line with the top button of coat. Lower outside corners of top pocket flaps may be blind tacked.

(b) Lower.--The two lower pockets to be hung inside the coat with the opening in the body below waistline. The following dimensions are not to be exceeded: depth, 9 inches; width at top 7 inches; at bottom 8 inches.

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9. Headgear.

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c. Cap, white.--(For officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons only.)

(1) Material.--Snow-white summer cloth (Palm Beach, etc.), linen, cotton twill, or duck.

(2) Crown.--Based on a size 7-1/8, about 11-1/4 inches from front to rear, and about 10-1/2 inches from side to side, graduated according to size, stiffened in front by springs and falling without stiffening to the rear, with two eyelets 1/2 inch from the welt seam, and about 3/4 inch on each

side of side seam of quarters. Top stiffened at rim with 3/18-inch flag grommet. A detachable cover, without lining, fitted snugly over body band.

(3) Visor.--Top of black patent leather, waterproof, lined with embossed green hatters' leather. Greatest width about 2-3/16 inches, and slope from vertical of about 56 degrees.

(4) Chin strap.--Leather, in two parts, each 1/2 inch in width, one end forming a slide and the other fastened to cap at end of visor with a small regulation cap button.

(5) Ornamentation.--A band of white braid 1-3/4 inches in width around entire cap. Bottom of body band lined with dark blue cloth. Chin strap covered with two-vellum gold lace.

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12. Trousers.

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c. White.--(For officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons only.)

(1) Material.--Snow-white summer cloth (Palm Beach, etc.), linen, cotton twill, or duck.

(2) In general.--Cut on the lines of civilian trousers, without cuff.

(A.G. 421 (7-9-36).)

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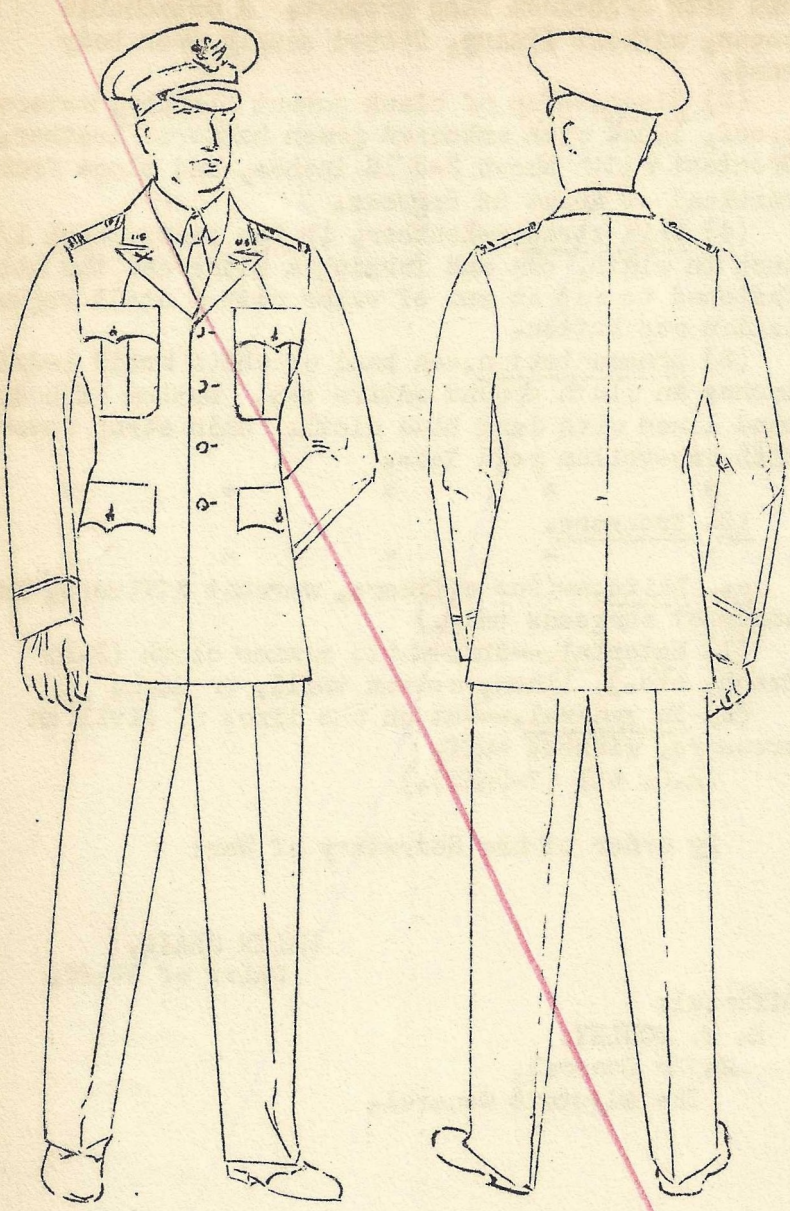

Circular No. 66
15 October, 1936
Blue Dress Uniform

Circular
No. 66

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, October 15, 1936.

Blue uniforms.--Pending the revision of AR 600-35, December 31, 1926, and AR 600-40, June 22, 1931, so much of Section II, Circular No. 5, War Department, 1929, as pertains to blue uniforms for officers (blue dress, full dress, mess jacket, special evening dress, and cape) and warrant officers is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. General.--a. A blue dress uniform convertible to a full dress and a special full dress, is adopted for wear by all officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons, except as provided in b below.

b. All articles of uniform for wear by the General of the Armies, the Chief of Staff, former Chiefs of Staff, and other officers of the rank of general are such as each may prescribe for himself, except insignia of grade.

c. All officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons are authorized to provide themselves with the new uniform at their option. All blue uniforms purchased after the receipt of this circular, except as provided in b above, will conform to the specifications prescribed herein. Existing old style blue uniforms may be worn until no longer serviceable (see par. 1f, AR 600-40).

d. The adopted standards of cloths for the blue dress and full dress uniforms are as follows:

(1) For coats and caps, dark blue.

(a) Beaver.
(b) Broadcloth.
(c) Crepe.
(d) Doeskin.
(e) Elastique.
(f) Serge.

(2) For trousers, sky blue.--The same materials as in (1) above.

2. Various articles of clothing and equipment.--a. Aiguillette.--For those authorized to wear them, braided gold cord 3/16 inch in diameter, in two parts, front and back, each fastened to a triangular

piece of brass having a hook on the inside. This hook attaches to a small strip of brass having slips under the shoulder loop or shoulder knot. The front and back parts each to have a loop $30\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length. Total length of back part to be 34 inches, with 24 inches of braiding; the front, 25 inches, with 15 inches of braiding; both to measure 2 inches from braiding to button loop and knot; knot to be 1-3/4 inches in length, and ferrets 3 inches.

The brass strip for shoulder loop and knot to be 5/8 inch in width and 2-3/8 inches in length with an extra piece fastened thereto, forming a loop 1 inch in length, for the flexible backing of shoulder loop and knot.

b. Belt, full dress.

(1) Material.

(a) Leather.--Black.

(b) Hardware.--Gold-color metal.

(2) In general.--1-3/4 inches in width with a metal loop for saber.

(3) Belt plate.--Rectangular, 2 inches in width and 3 inches in length, with raised rim enclosing the arms of the United States with rays and thirteen stars over the head of the eagle.

(4) Ornamentation.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--Three stripes of gold bullion, 1/4 inch in width, 1/4 inch from each edge and equally spaced.

(b) Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--Four-vellum gold lace, 1-5/8 inches in width, with three silk stripes, 1/16 inch in width, of the first-named color of the arm or service, 3/8 inch from each edge and equally spaced.

(5) Belt, officers, M1921, or belt, russet leather, warrant officers (par. 46, AR 600-35) will not be worn with the blue uniforms.

c. Breeches.--Color and specifications as prescribed in paragraph 3, AR 600-35.

d. Buttons.--As prescribed in paragraph 4, AR 600-35.

e. Coat, blue dress.

(1) Material.--See paragraph 1d(1).

(2) In general.--A single-breasted form-fitting sack coat, extending to crotch, with no pronounced flare, or waistline seam. To fit easily over the chest and shoulders and to be fitted at the waist to conform to figure. The left front to appear straight from top button to bottom of front. Buttoned down the front with four large regulation coat buttons equally spaced. Belt, when worn, to be spaced between two lower buttons. Sufficient flare to be on the right front in order to remain underlapped.

(3) Back.--A vent in the back to extend from immediately below waistline to bottom, following the back seam and with an underlap of approximately 2-1/2 inches. To have two waistline detachable belt hooks let in side seams.

(4) Collar and lapel.--The collar to measure approximately 1-5/8 inches in width at the back, the opening between collar end and lapel not to exceed 1/2 inch. Lapels to be semipeaked, not wider than 1/2 inch more than collar end, and the top edge to be horizontal. For those authorized to wear aiguillettes, two buttons placed about 2 inches apart on under side of left or right lapel, depending on position aiguillette is worn.

(5) Shoulder.--On each shoulder a strap about 5/16 inch in width and sufficiently long to accommodate tongue of shoulder loops or shoulder knots without showing when shoulder loops are in place, set about 1/4 inch from sleeve head seam. On each upper end of shoulder a patch equipped with an eyelet to accommodate the post of a small regulation coat button.

(6) Ornamentation.--(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--On each sleeve one 3/4 inch two-vellum gold lace stripe, lower edge of stripe to be 3 inches above the end of the sleeve.

(b) Other officers and contract surgeons.--On each sleeve two 1/4 inch two-vellum gold lace stripes placed 1/4 inch apart over a silk stripe of the first-named color of the arm or service, the bottom of the lower stripe to be 3 inches above the end of the sleeve.

(c) Warrant officers.--Without stripe.

f. Collar.--(1) Dress and full dress.--White, of turndown pattern, semi-soft or stiff, of plain material without stripe or figure.

(2) Special full dress.--White, of commercial wing type.

g. Decorations, service medals, etc.--As prescribed in Section IV, AR 600-35. The War Department General Staff identification may be worn as authorized in Section I, Circular No. 45, War Department, 1933.

h. Footgear.

(1) Shoes.--Black, of commercial pattern.

(2) Boots.--To be of good quality tan, cordovan, or russet leather, of commercial pattern, without lacing.

i. Gloves.--(1) Dress, leather.--To be of good quality, chamois or doeskin. Method of fastening to be with button and buttonhole.

(2) Dress, white (cotton or lisle).--To be of good quality white cotton (lisle). Method of fastening to be with button and buttonhole.

j. Headgear - Cap, blue dress.

(1) Material.--See paragraph 1d(1).

(2) Crown.--Based on a size 7-1/8, about 11-1/4 inches from front to rear, and about 10-1/2 inches from side to side, graduated according to size, stiffened in front by springs and falling without stiffening to the rear, with two eyelets 1/2 inch from the welt seam and about 3/4 inch on each side of side seam of quarters. Top stiffened at rim with 3/8 inch flat grommet.

(3) Visor.--Top of black patent leather, waterproof, lined with embossed green hatter's leather. Greatest width about 2-3/16 inches, and slope from vertical of about 55 degrees.

(4) Chin strap.--Leather, in two parts each 1/2 inch in width, one end forming a slide and the other fastened to cap at end of visor with a small regulation cap button.

(5) Ornamentation.--Chin strap covered with two-vellum gold lace.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--On a blue-black velvet band around cap, oak leaves in groups of

two, about 1 inch in length and 3/4 inch in width, embroidered in gold.

(b) Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--A band of grosgrain silk, 1-7/8 inches in width, of the first-named color of the arm or service, with a band of two-vellum gold lace, 1/2 inch in width, at top and bottom. If the arm or service has two colors, to have a 1/8-inch piping of the second-named color on the inside edges of bands.

k. Insignia.--As prescribed in Section III, AR 600-35 and Section IV, AR 600-40, with the following exceptions:

(1) All insignia will be of metal.

(2) Regimental distinctive insignia, shoulder sleeve insignia, and wound and war service chevrons will not be worn with the blue uniforms.

l. Necktie.--(1) Dress and full dress.--Adopted four-in-hand pattern, of plain black material without stripe or figure.

(2) Special full dress.--Commercial, black, bow tie, of plain material without stripe or figure.

m. Saber chain.--The nickel saber chain will be worn with the saber (par. 47b(1), AR 600-35 and par. 55a, AR 600-40).

n. Saber knot, dress.--To be a strap of gold-color lace, 5/8 inch wide, and 13-1/2 inches long. A keeper, 5/8 inch wide, of gold-color lace. An acorn 1-1/4 inches in diameter and 1-3/4 inches long, of gold-color lace.

o. Shoulder knot (for officers and contract surgeons only).--To be of gold or gilt cord, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, the knot to be formed of 4 plaits of 3-cord and rounded at the top, a small regulation coat button in the upper end of knot. Knot to be not more than $5\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length and $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches in width, conforming to shoulder; to be stiffened on the underside with a flexible backing covered with cloth of the color of coat; to have attached to the strap a suitable attachment for fastening to the shoulder of coat. Metal insignia of grade will be worn on the shoulder knot.

p. Shoulder loops.

(1) In general.--Detachable shoulder loops slightly stiffened and formed to shoulder, about 2-1/4 inches in width at the lower end and reaching to edge of collar, upper end pointed, covered with cloth of the color of coat. To have on the back an attachment for fastening to the shoulder of coat.

(2) Ornamentation.--Not to extend over the edges of shoulder loop.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--The upper surface to have a border of 1/4-inch gold bullion.

(b) Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--The upper surface of shoulder loop to be covered with facing cloth of the first-named color of the arm or service, with a 1/4-inch border line of stitching. If the arm or service has two colors, the upper surface to be piped with a 1/4-inch border of the second-named color.

q. Shirts.--(1) Dress and full dress.--White, soft, commercial type, without stripe or figure.

(2) Special full dress.--White, commercial evening dress with stiff bosom (abbreviated bosom suggested).

r. Trousers, blue dress.

(1) Material.--See paragraph 1d(2).

(2) In general.--Cut on the lines of civilian trousers, without cuff.

(3) Ornamentation.--On the outside seams of trousers.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--A stripe of gold lace 1-1/2 inches in width.

(b) Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--A stripe of facing cloth 1-1/2 inches in width, of the first-named color of the arm or service, welted at the edges, except infantry, which will be white. If the arm or service has two colors, the stripe will be piped with a 1/8-inch border of the second-named color.

s. Colors of arms or services.--As prescribed by paragraph 49, AR 600-35, with the following added:

v. Warrant officers, brown.

3. Wearing of the blue uniforms.--a. Blue dress uniform (Fig.1).--The following table specifies the occasions when the wearing of the blue dress uniform is authorized and the articles to be worn:

Occasions	Articles
(1) For ordinary wear after retreat (except when the white dress uniform or civilian clothing is authorized by the commanding officer) when on a military post or reservation. (2) For social use before retreat. (3) When off the post or reservation. (4) In foreign countries. As may be provided by the laws or regulations of foreign countries, by officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons of the Regular Army, active or retired, stationed in or visiting such countries in an official capacity. (5) As may be authorized by the commanding officer.	(1) Aiguillettes. (a) On right shoulder by - 1. The Chief of Staff. 2. Aides to the President. (b) On left shoulder by aides (except aides to the President) and military attaches. (2) Cap, dress, blue, with insignia, cap. (3) Coat, dress, blue. (4) Gloves, dress, leather, when worn. (5) Insignia of grade, metal, as prescribed for service uniform in AR 600-40. (6) Insignia, metal, lapel, as prescribed in AR 600-40. (7) Necktie, dress. (8) Service ribbons and badges, as prescribed for service uniform in AR 600-40. (9) Shirt and collar, dress. (10) Shoes and socks, black. (11) Shoulder loops. (12) Trousers, dress, blue. (13) If the saber is worn, it will be worn with the belt, full dress, and the saber knot, dress.

b. Full dress uniform (Fig.2).--The following table specifies the occasions when the wearing of the full dress uniform is authorized and the articles to be worn:

Occasions	Articles
(1) At the following official and social functions: (a) For the President, an ex-President, or the Vice President of the United States. (b) At the White House. (c) By or for the chief executive of a foreign country, or any member of a reigning royal family, members of the Cabinet, General of the Armies, Chief of Staff, a former Chief of Staff, a general, or an army or corps area commander. (2) As may be provided by the laws or regulations of foreign countries, by officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons of the Regular Army, active or retired, stationed in or visiting such countries in an official capacity. (3) As may be authorized by the commanding officer.	The full dress uniform is the uniform prescribed in a above, substituting shoulder knots for shoulder loops, decorations and medals for service ribbons, and adding the belt, full dress. Gloves, dress, white, will be worn. If the saber is worn, the saber knot, dress, will be worn thereon.

c. Special full dress uniform (Fig.3).--The following table specifies the occasions when the wearing of the special full dress uniform is authorized and the articles to be worn:

Occasions	Articles
Formal evening social events.	The special full dress uniform is the uniform prescribed in a above, substituting decorations and medals for service ribbons (only when authorized by the commanding officer), necktie, special full dress for necktie, dress; shirt and collar, special full dress, for

: shirt and collar, dress; shoulder knots for shoulder
: loops, and adding belt, full dress. Gloves, white,
: dress, will be worn.

d. Dress, mounted.--Commanding officers may authorize dress, mounted. Under such circumstances the dress uniform will be that prescribed in a above, substituting the present service uniform breeches and dress boots for trousers and shoes.

e. Full dress, mounted.--Commanding officers may authorize full dress, mounted. Under such circumstances the full dress uniform will be that prescribed in b above, substituting the present service uniform breeches and dress boots for trousers and shoes.

(A.G. 420 (9-9-36).)

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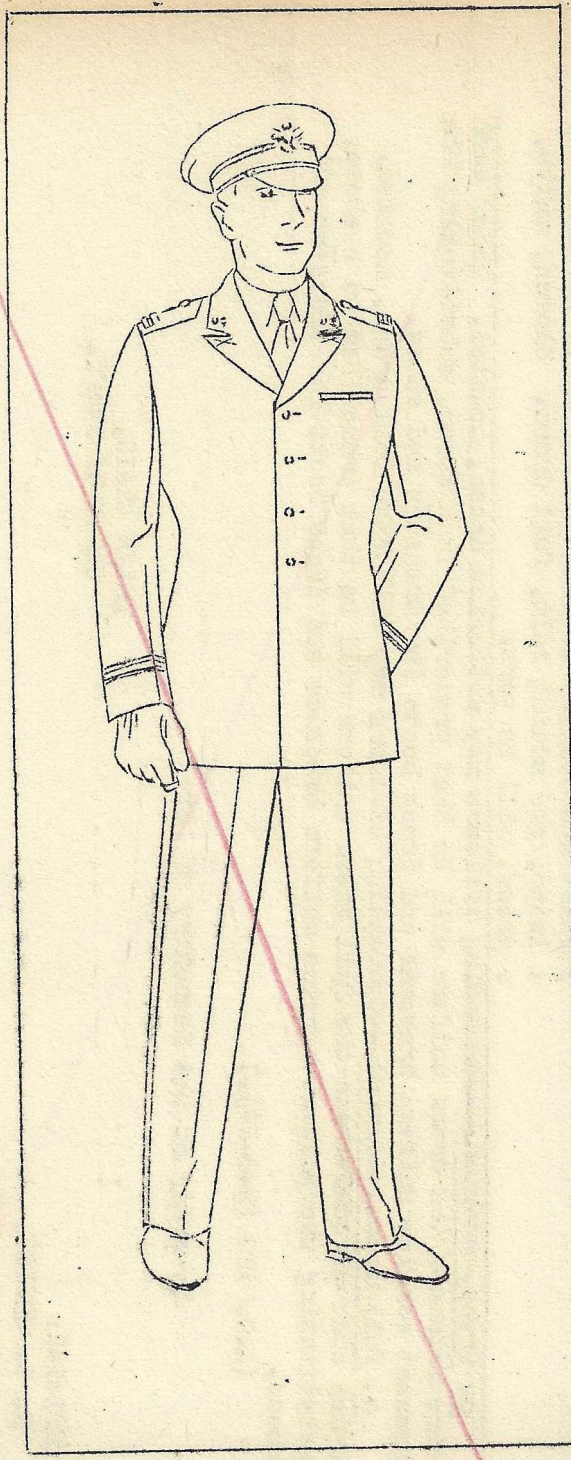

Figure 1.--Blue dress uniform

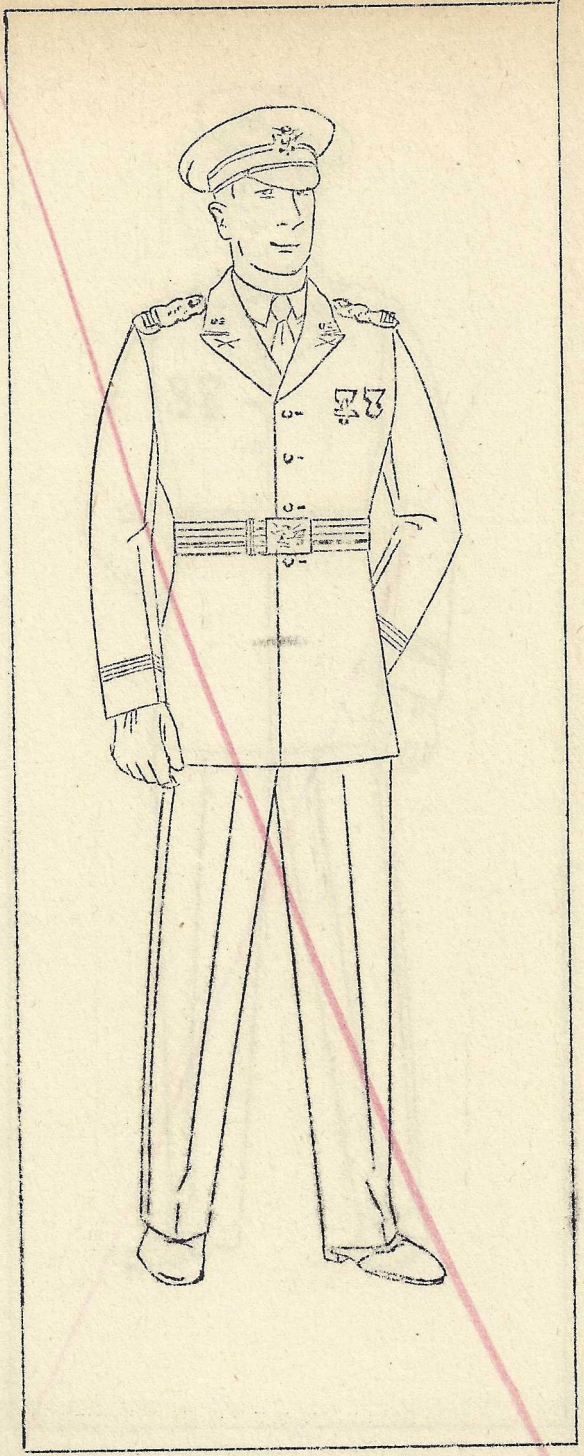

Figure 2.--Full dress uniform

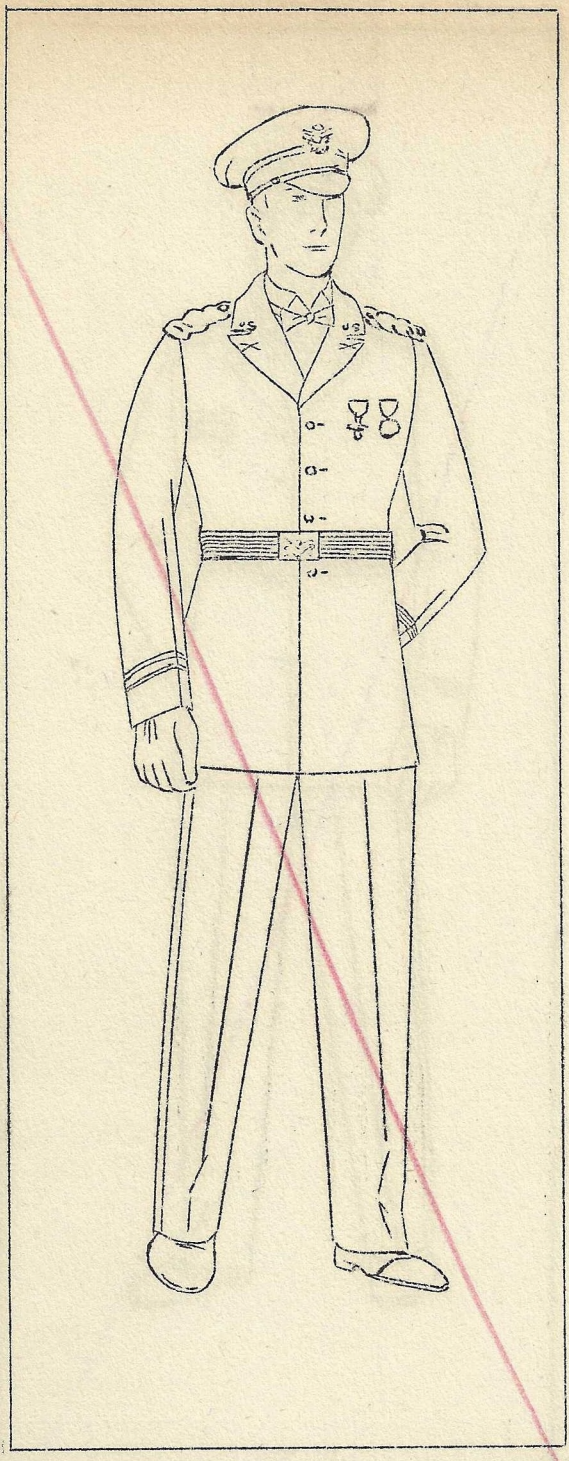

Figure 3.--Special full dress uniform

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Amendment, Blue Dress Uniform

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Circular
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, October 28, 1936.

Section

Wearing of the short overcoat - Changes in AR 600-40. I
Blue uniforms II

I--Wearing of the short overcoat - Changes in AR 600-40.--Pending the revision of AR 600-40, June 22, 1931, paragraph 28d(1)(b) of those regulations is changed as follows:

(b) Not to be worn on formal duty or ceremonies. (A.G. 421 (6-10-36).)

II--Blue uniforms.--Circular No. 66, War Department, 1936, is amended as follows:

1. General.

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c. All officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons are authorized to provide themselves with the new uniform at their option. All blue uniforms purchased after the receipt of this circular, except as provided in b above and in paragraph 5, AR 600-40, will conform to the specifications prescribed herein. Existing old style blue uniforms may be worn until no longer serviceable (see par. 1g, AR 600-40).

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2. Various articles of clothing and equipment.

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n. Saber knot, dress.--(1) General officers.--To be of heavy gold or gilt cord, 1/4 inch in diameter and 13½ inches in length, with a gold or gilt braided keeper 1/2 inch wide and a gold or gilt braided acorn 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 inches in length.

(2) Other officers, except chaplains.--To be a strap of 5/8-inch wide gold or gilt lace 13½ inches long, with a row of black silk interwoven, 1/8 inch from each edge. A keeper 5/8 inch wide, of black silk and gold or gilt lace interwoven. An acorn 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 1 3/4 inches long of black silk and gold, or gilt lace interwoven.

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s. Colors of arms or services.--The colors of the ornamentation for the blue uniforms of officers who are detailed in other arms or services will conform to the colors of the arms or services in which commissioned. These colors are prescribed in paragraph 49, AR 600-35, with the following changes:

a. Adjutant General's Department, dark blue piped with scarlet.

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n. Inspector General's Department, dark blue piped with light blue.

o. Judge Advocate General's Department, dark blue piped with white.

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r. National Guard Bureau, dark blue.

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v. Warrant officers, brown.

3. Wearing of the blue uniforms.

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b. Full dress uniform (Fig. 2).--The following table specifies the occasions when the wearing of the full dress uniform is authorized and the articles to be worn:

Occasions	Articles
(1) At the following official and social functions when held in the morning and afternoon:	* *

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c. Special full dress uniform (Fig.3).--The following table specifies the occasions when the wearing of the special full dress uniform is authorized and the articles to be worn:

Occasions	Articles
Formal evening social functions, including those listed in b above.	The special full dress uniform is the uniform prescribed in a above, substituting necktie, special full dress for necktie, dress; shirt and collar, special full dress, for shirt and collar, dress; shoulder knots for shoulder loops, and gloves, dress, white, for gloves, dress, leather. When attending evening functions at the White House, and on such other special occasions as are designated by proper authority, decorations, medals, and the belt, full dress, will be worn.

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(A.G. 421 (10-22-36).)

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Circular No. 72
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Amendment, Blue Dress Uniform

Circular
No. 72

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, November 6, 1936.

Section
Blue uniforms I
Changes in AR 600-40. II

I--Blue uniforms.--Circular No. 66, War Department, 1936, as amended is further amended as follows:

2. Various articles of clothing and equipment.

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j. Headgear - Cap, blue dress.

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(5) Ornamentation.--(a) Chin strap covered with two-vellum gold lace.

(b) 1. General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--A blue-black velvet band around cap with oak leaves in groups of two, about 1 inch in length and 3/4 inch in width, embroidered in gold. On the visor two semicircles of oak leaves in groups of two, about 1 inch in length and 3/4 inch in width, embroidered in gold.

2. General officers (chiefs and assistant chiefs of arms and services).--A band conforming to that of officers of their arm or service as described in 3 below and with the visor ornamented as for other general officers as described in 1 above.

3. Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--A band of grosgrain silk, 1 3/4 inches in width, of the first-named color of the arm or service, with a band of two-vellum gold lace, 1/2 inch in width, at top and bottom. If the arm or service has two colors, to have a 1/8 inch piping of the second-named color on the inside edges of bands.

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p. Shoulder loops.

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(2) Ornamentation.--Not to extend over the edges of shoulder loop.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--The upper surface to have a border of 1/4-inch two-vellum gold lace.

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(A.G. 421 (11-6-36).)

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II--Changes in AR 600-40.--Pending the revision of AR 600-40, June 22, 1931, the following changes in those regulations are published:

43. Insignia, shoulder sleeve.--a. Shoulder sleeve insignia of divisions, GHQ Air Force, corps, armies, and headquarters of the field forces will be worn by the personnel belonging to these organizations only when the units are definitely assigned to a division, GHQ Air Force, corps, or army. For the purposes of this paragraph the Philippine, Hawaiian, and Panama Canal Departments are each considered corps. Shoulder sleeve insignia will not be worn by any other personnel. Such insignia will be worn on the upper part of the outer half of the left sleeves of the service coat and the overcoat, the top of the insignia to be ½ inch below the top of the shoulder seam.

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50. Decorations, service medals, and badges; how worn.--a. Decorations and service medals.

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(4) Citation stars will be worn above all battle clasps on the ribbon of the service medal for the campaigns for service in which the citations were awarded. The citation stars will also be worn on the corresponding service ribbon.

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53. Service ribbons, bronze stars, miniatures, lapel buttons, and lapel ribbons.

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c. Miniatures.

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(2) A miniature Oak-Leaf Cluster will be worn on the appropriate service ribbon for each cluster awarded.

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(A.G. 421 (7-24-36) (9-12-36).)

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Circular No. 7
21 January, 1937
Blue Dress Uniform
(Superseding 1936 Cir. 66)

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Circular No. 7

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 21, 1937.

	Section
Blue uniforms.	I
Dress uniform for general officers, full-dress and special-dress uniforms, etc.. .	II

I--Blue uniforms.--Pending the revision of AR 600-35, December 31, 1926, and AR 600-40, June 22, 1931, Circular No. 66, Section II, Circular No. 70, and Section I, Circular No. 72, War Department, 1936; and the provisions of radio (AG 421(12-31-36) Misc.), December 31, 1936, directing that all officers be advised not to purchase new blue uniforms, except as they apply to general officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. General.--a. A blue dress uniform is adopted for wear by all officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons, except as provided in b and c below.

b. All articles of uniform for wear by the General of the Armies, the Chief of Staff, former Chiefs of Staff, and other officers of the grade of general are such as each may prescribe for himself, except insignia of grade.

c. All officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons are authorized to provide themselves with the new uniform at their option. All blue dress uniforms purchased after the receipt of this circular, except as provided in b above and in paragraph 5, AR 600-40, will conform to the specifications contained herein. Existing blue dress uniforms as prescribed in Special Regulations Nos. 41 and 42 may be worn until no longer serviceable. Any officer, warrant officer, or contract surgeon who has provided himself with the blue dress uniform prescribed in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1936, as amended by Section II, Circular No. 70 and Section I, Circular No. 72, War Department, 1936, will not wear it until it has been altered to comply with the provisions of this circular.

d. The adopted standards of cloths for the blue uniforms are as follows:

(1) For coats and caps, dark blue.
- (a) Beaver.
- (b) Broadcloth.
- (c) Crepe.
- (d) Doeskin.
- (e) Elastique.
- (f) Serge.

(2) For trousers.--The same materials as in (1) above, sky blue.

2. Various articles of clothing and equipment.--a. Aiguillette.--For wear by all aides, military attaches, and officers regularly detailed in the General Staff Corps. Braided gold cord 3/16 inch in diameter, in two parts, front and back, each fastened to a triangular piece of brass having a hook on the inside. This hook attaches to a small hook let through the shoulder seam. The front and back parts each to have a loop 30½ inches in length. Total length of back part to be 34 inches, with 24 inches of braiding; the front, 25 inches, with 15 inches of braiding; both to measure 2 inches from braiding to button loop and knot; knot to be 1-3/4 inches in length, and ferrets 3 inches.

The brass strip for shoulder loop and knot to be 5/8 inch in width and 2-3/8 inches in length with an extra piece fastened thereto, forming a loop 1 inch in length, for the flexible backing of shoulder loop and knot.

b. Belt, dress (for use only when under arms).

(1) Material.

(a) Leather.--Black.

(b) Hardware.--Gold-color metal.

(2) In general.--1-3/4 inches in width with a metal loop for saber.

(3) Belt plate.--Rectangular, 2 inches in width and 3 inches in length, with raised rim enclosing the arms of the United States with rays and thirteen stars over the head of the eagle.

(4) Ornamentation.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--To be announced subsequently.

(b) Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--Four-vellum gold lace, 1-5/8 inches in width, with three silk stripes, 1/16 inch in width, of the first-named color of the arm or service, 3/8 inch from each edge and equally spaced.

c. Breeches.--Color and specifications as prescribed in paragraph 3, AR 600-35.

d. Buttons.--As prescribed in paragraph 4, AR 600-35.

e. Coat, blue dress.

(1) Material.--See paragraph 1d(1).

(2) In general.--A single-breasted form-fitting sack coat, extending to crotch, with no pronounced flare, or waistline seam. To fit easily over the chest and shoulders and to be fitted at the waist to conform to figure. The left front to appear straight from top button to bottom of front. Buttoned down the front with four large regulation coat buttons equally spaced. Belt, when worn, to be spaced between two lower buttons. Sufficient flare to be on the right front in order to remain underlapped.

(3) Back.--A vent in the back to extend from immediately below waistline to bottom, following the back seam and with an underlap of approximately 2-1/2 inches. To have two waistline detachable belt hooks let in side seams.

(4) Collar and lapel.--The collar to measure approximately 1-5/8 inches in width at the back, the opening between collar end and lapel not to exceed 1/2 inch. Lapels to be semipeaked, not wider than 1/2 inch more than collar end, and the top edge to be horizontal. For those authorized to wear aiguillettes, two buttons placed about 2 inches apart on under side of left or right lapel, depending on position aiguillette is worn.

(5) Pockets.--Four pockets, two upper and two lower, of suitable size, according to size of coat. Each pocket to be a slash pocket covered with a flap rounded at the corners, buttoned at center with a small regulation coat button. The two upper pockets to be placed with their upper edges in a prolonged horizontal line, and the two lower pockets in a similar manner.

(a) Upper flaps.--Not to exceed 2-1/2 inches in depth, buttoned on a line with the top button of the coat.

(b) Lower flaps.--Not to exceed 3-1/2 inches in depth, upper edge of flaps to be immediately below bottom edge of waist belt (when worn).

(6) Ornamentation.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--To be announced subsequently.

(b) Other officers and contract surgeons.--On each sleeve two $\frac{1}{4}$ inch two-vellum gold lace stripes placed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch apart over a silk stripe of the first-named color of the arm or service, the bottom of the lower stripe to be 3 inches above the end of the sleeve.

(c) Warrant officers.--Without stripe.

f. Collar.--White, of turndown pattern, semi-soft or stiff, of plain material without stripe or figure.

g. Decorations, service medals, etc.--As prescribed in Section IV, AR 600-35. The War Department General Staff identification may be worn as authorized in Section I, Circular No. 45, War Department, 1933, as amended by Section IV, Circular No. 1, War Department, 1937.

h. Footgear.

(1) Shoes.--Black, of commercial pattern.

(2) Boots.--To be of good quality tan, cordovan, or russet leather, of commercial pattern, without lacing.

i. Gloves, dress, leather.--To be of good quality, chamois or doeskin. Method of fastening to be with button and buttonhole.

j. Headgear - cap, blue dress.

(1) Material.--See paragraph 1d(1).

(2) Crown.--Based on a size 7-1/8, about 11-1/4 inches from front to rear, and about 10-1/2 inches from side to side, graduated according to size, stiffened in front by springs and falling without stiffening to the rear, with two eyelets 1/2 inch from the welt seam and about 3/4 inch on each side of side seam of quarters. Top stiffened at rim with 3/8 inch flat grommet.

(3) Visor.--Top of black patent leather, waterproof, lined with embossed green hatter's leather. Greatest width about 2-3/16 inches, and slope from vertical of about 55 degrees.

(4) Chin strap.--Leather, in two parts each 1/2 inch in width, one end forming a slide and the other fastened to cap at end of visor with a small regulation cap button.

(5) Ornamentation.--(a) Chin strap covered with two-vellum gold lace.

(b) 1. General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--To be announced subsequently.

2. General officers (chiefs and assistant chiefs of arms and services).--A band conforming to that of officers of their arm or service as described in 3 below. On the visor two semi-circles of oak leaves in groups of two, about 1 inch in length and 3/4 inch in width, embroidered in gold.

3. Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--A band of grosgrain silk, 1-3/4 inches in width, of the first-named color of the arm or service, with a band of two-vellum gold lace, 1/2 inch in width, at top and bottom. If the arm or service has two colors, to have a 1/8 inch piping of the second-named color on the inside edges of bands.

k. Insignia.--As prescribed in Section III, AR 600-35 and Section IV, AR 600-40, with the following exceptions:

(1) All insignia will be of metal except on shoulder strap.

(2) Regimental distinctive insignia, shoulder sleeve insignia, and wound and war service chevrons will not be worn with the blue uniforms.

l. Necktie.--Adopted four-in-hand pattern, of plain black material without stripe or figure.

m. Saber chain.--The nickel saber chain will be worn with the saber (par. 47b(1), AR 600-35 and par. 55a, AR 600-40).

n. Saber knot, dress.--(1) General officers.--To be of heavy gold or gilt cord, 1/4 inch in diameter and 13½ inches in length, with a gold or gilt braided keeper 1/2 inch wide and a gold or gilt braided acorn 1-1/4 inches in diameter and 2 inches in length.

(2) Other officers, except chaplains.--To be a strap of 5/8-inch wide gold or gilt lace 13½ inches long, with a row of black silk interwoven, 1/8 inch from each edge. A keeper 5/8 inch wide, of black silk and gold or gilt lace interwoven. An acorn 1-1/4 inches in diameter and 1-3/4 inches long of black silk and gold, or gilt lace interwoven.

o. Shoulder straps.

(1) Material.--Same as coat.

(2) In general.--A strap, 1-5/8 inches in width and 4 inches in length, with a background of first-named color of the arm or service and a border of gold bullion, 3/8 inch in width, surrounded on inside and outside by gold Jaceron. If the arm or service has two colors, the second-named color to show 1/8 inch inside border instead of inside line of Jaceron.

(3) Insignia of grade.--The following insignia of grade, embroidered in bullion, to be placed on strap, as applicable.

(a) General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--To be announced subsequently.

(b) General officers (chiefs and assistant chiefs of arms and services).--Major general, two stars; brigadier general, one star; stars to be 5/8 inch in diameter.

(c) Colonel.--A silver spread eagle, in pairs, 5/8 inch in height and 1-1/4 inches between tips of wings, straps to be made in pairs with eagles' heads looking to the front.

(d) Lieutenant colonel.--A silver oak leaf, 5/8 inch in height and 5/8 inch across. One leaf on each end of strap.

(e) Major.--Same as lieutenant colonel substituting gold for silver.

(f) Captain.--Two silver bars, each 1/4 inch in width and 5/8 inch in length, parallel to ends of strap, 3/16 inch apart and 3/16 inch from inside of border.

(g) First lieutenant.--One silver bar, 1/4 inch in width and 5/8 inch in length, parallel to ends of strap and 3/16 inch from inside of border.

(h) Second lieutenant.--Same as first lieutenant, substituting gold for silver.

(i) Warrant officer.--No insignia of grade.

(4) The shoulder strap will be sewn to the coat, centered with a long side on the shoulder headseam.

p. Shirts.--White, commercial type, without stripe or figure.

q. Trousers, blue dress.

(1) Material.--See paragraph 1d(2).

(2) In general.--Cut on the lines of civilian trousers, without cuff.

(3) Ornamentation.--On the outside seams of trousers.

(a) General officers of the line and general officers of the GHQ Air Force.--To be announced subsequently.

(b) Other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.--A stripe of facing cloth 1-1/2 inches in width, of the first-named color of the arm or service, welted at the edges, except infantry, which will be white. If the arm or service has two colors, the stripe will be piped with a 1/8-inch border of the second-named color.

r. Colors of arms or services.--As prescribed in paragraph 49, AR 600-35 with the following changes:

a. Adjutant General's Department.--Dark blue, piped with scarlet.

n. Inspector General's Department.--Dark blue, piped with light blue.

o. Judge Advocate General's Department.--Dark blue piped with white.

r. National Guard Bureau.--Dark blue.

v. Warrant officers.--Brown.

w. Permanent professors of the United States Military Academy.--Scarlet, piped with silver gray.

3. Wearing of blue dress uniform.--a. (Fig.1).--The following table specifies the occasions when the wearing of the blue dress unform is authorized and the articles to be worn:

Occasions	Articles
(1) For ordinary wear after retreat (except when the white dress uniform or civilian clothing is authorized by the commanding officer) when on a military post or reservation.	(1) Aiguillettes. (a) On right shoulder by- 1. The Chief of Staff. 2. The Aides to the President. (b) On left shoulder by aides (except aides to the President), military attaches, and officers regularly detailed in the General Staff Corps.
(2) For social use before retreat.	(2) Cap, dress, blue, with insignia, cap.
(3) When off the post or reservation.	(3) Coat, dress, blue.
(4) In foreign countries. As may be provided by the laws or regulations of foreign countries, by officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons of the Regular Army, active or retired, stationed in or visiting such countries in an official capacity.	(4) Gloves, dress, leather, when prescribed by the commanding officer.
(5) As may be authorized by the commanding officer.	(5) Insignia, metal, lapel, as prescribed in AR 600-40.
	(6) Necktie.
	(7) Service ribbons and badges, as prescribed for service uniform in AR 600-40.
	(8) Shirt and collar.
	(9) Shoes and socks, black.
	(10) Trousers, dress, blue.
	(11) If the saber is worn, it will be worn with the belt, dress, and the saber knot, dress.

b. When mounted, the service breeches and dress boots will be substituted for trousers and shoes.
(A.G. 421 (1-14-37).)

II--Dress uniform for general officers, full-dress and special-dress uniforms, etc.--A circular will be published at an early date covering -

1. Dress uniforms for general officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.
2. Former full-dress uniform (optional).
3. Former special evening dress uniform (optional).
4. Former mess jacket (optional).
5. Former blue cape (optional).
(A.G. 421 (1-14-37).)

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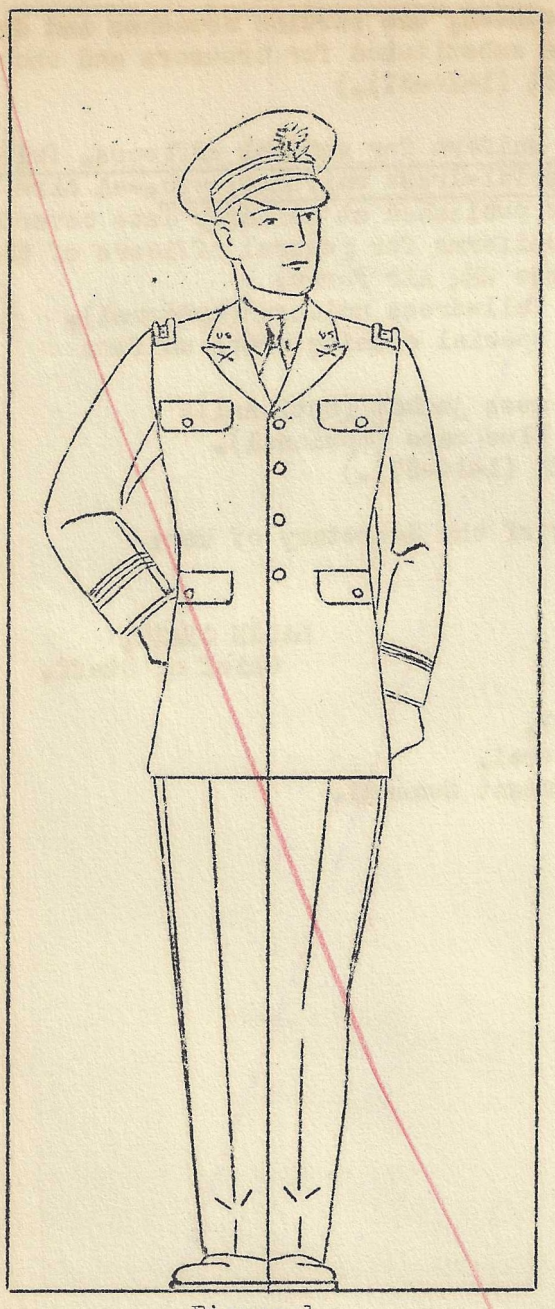

Figure 1.

Circular No. 9
25 January, 1937
Branch Colors,
Blue Dress Uniform

(Cir. 9)

Circular
No. 9

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 25, 1937.

	Section
Colors of arms and services for the blue uniform.	I
Transportation - Superior accommodations - Carrier payments restricted to lowest first-class fares.	II
Accountability for china and glassware. .	III

I--Colors of arms and services for the blue uniform.--In connection with paragraph 2r, Section I, Circular No. 7, War Department, 1937, the colors of the ornamentation for the blue uniform of officers who are detailed in other arms and services will conform to the colors of the arm or service in which commissioned.

(A.G. 421 (10-22-36).)

II--Transportation - Superior accommodations - Carrier payments restricted to lowest first-class fares.--Section I, Circular No. 67, and Section IV, Circular No. 79, War Department, 1936, relating to the foregoing subject, are rescinded.

(A.G. 510 (12-29-36).)

III--Accountability for china and glassware.--Pending the printing of changes in AR 30-3010, May 28, 1936, and AR 35-6640, August 20, 1935, the following changes in those regulations are published:

1. AR 30-3010.--Paragraphs 3 and 5 are changed as follows:

3. Accountability.--a. All supplies issued under these budget credits, except those enumerated in the note to Table I and china and glassware as prescribed in b below, will be dropped from accountability when issued to unit supply officers or officers in charge of offices or activities.

b. The initial allowance of china and glassware authorized in Tables of Allowances will be issued to organizations on memorandum receipt. Subsequent issues of china and glassware enumerated in Table I required to replenish the initial allowance due to breakage will be dropped from accountability upon issue; but the organization commander will remain

responsible on memorandum receipt and the quartermaster will retain accountability for the full initial allowance originally issued and kept intact by replenishment. In case the initial allowance originally issued is subsequently increased, such increase will be added to the memorandum receipt account of the organization commander and the augmented allowance maintained under the budget credit procedure.

5. Prices and classes of supplies controlled by budget credits.

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Table I.--Budget items regular supplies.

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Note.--In addition to the foregoing, the following nonexpendable supplies are included in the regular supplies budget credit:

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2. AR 35-6640.--Paragraph 6b(7) is changed as follows:

(7) Tableware (china and glassware) of an organization under orders for change of station will be surveyed by a disinterested officer to determine its serviceability. All articles found serviceable will be turned in to the quartermaster for reissue. All articles found unserviceable will be destroyed and the money value of any rendered unserviceable through fault or neglect will be charged against the person responsible therefor as provided in paragraph 2. Cracked or chipped tableware will be considered unserviceable only when it leaks, fails to hold the original quantity, or is insanitary.

(A.G. 140.2 (11-27-36).)

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The Adjutant General.

Circular No. 19
8 March, 1937
Amendment, Blue Dress Uniform

Circular
No. 19

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, March 8, 1937.

Blue uniforms.--Section I, Circular No. 7, War Department, 1937, is amended as follows:

Blue uniforms.--Pending the revision of AR 600-35, December 31, 1926, and AR 600-40, June 22, 1931, Circular No. 66, Section II, Circular No. 70, and Section I, Circular No. 72, War Department, 1936; and the provisions of radio (A.G. 421(12-31-36) Misc.) December 31, 1936, directing that all officers be advised not to purchase new blue uniforms are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. General.

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c. All officers * * * provisions of this circular, except that general officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force who have purchased sky blue trousers may wear them until they are no longer serviceable.

d. The adopted standards of cloths for the blue uniforms are as follows:

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(2) For trousers.--The same materials as in (1) above.

(a) General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force, dark blue.

(b) All other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons, sky blue.

2. Various articles of clothing and equipment.

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b. Belt, dress (for use only when under arms).

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(4) Ornamentation.

(a) General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--Three stripes of gold bullion, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in width, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from each edge equally spaced.

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e. Coat, blue dress.

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(6) Ornamentation.

(a) General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--On each sleeve one $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch gold lace stripe, the bottom of the stripe to be 3 inches above the bottom of the sleeve.

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j. Headgear - cap, blue dress.

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(5) Ornamentation.

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(b) 1. General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--A blue black velvet band around cap with oak leaves in groups of two, about 1 inch in length and 3/4 inch in width, embroidered in gold, with the visor ornamented as described in 2 below.

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o. Shoulder straps.

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(3) Insignia of grade.-- * * *

(a) General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--Lieutenant general, three stars; major general, two stars; brigadier general, 1 star; stars to be 5/8 inch in diameter and embroidered on a blue black velvet background.

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q. Trousers, blue dress.

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(3) Ornamentation.

(a) General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--Two $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stripes of gold lace spaced $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart.

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(A.G. 421 (3-3-37).)

By order of the Secretary of War:

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Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Circular No. 21
10 March, 1937
Amendment, Blue Dress Uniform

Circular
No. 21

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, March 10, 1937.

	Section
Use of envelops.	I
Blue uniforms.	II
Amendment to Table of Allowances - Equipment for Posts, Camps, and Stations.	III
Bonding of Reserve officers.	IV

I--Use of envelops.--Service records, reports, returns, and similar papers are being received in the War Department mailed in envelops entirely disproportionate to the size of the matter inclosed. In some instances it has been observed that only one service record was mailed in an envelop measuring 16 by 12 inches. The use of large envelops for such purposes is obviously inappropriate not only from the standpoint of economy and convenience but also because it adds to the burden of the postal authorities. The unnecessary use of large envelops for mailing matter which can readily be inclosed in small envelops will be discontinued.

It has also been noted that the postmark in some cases indicates that routine papers are being forwarded from certain posts at intervals during the day whereas if mailed later in the day they could be included under one cover.

(A.G. 462.4 (3-10-37).)

II--Blue uniforms.--Two-vellum gold lace will be used for the ornamentation authorized in Circular No. 19, War Department, 1937, for the coat, blue dress, and the trousers, blue dress.

(A.G. 421 (3-10-37).)

III--Amendment to Table of Allowances - Equipment for Posts, Camps, and Stations.--Table of Allowances - Equipment for Posts, Camps, and Stations, September 1, 1934, is changed as follows:

In Section VI - Signal Equipment, add the following in proper alphabetical order:

1	2	3
Article	Number	Remarks and basis of issue
Frequency meter set, SCR-211	3	Per AC sta authorized instrument blind landing equipment, SCR-241, by the WD.

(A.G. 400.34 (9-25-36).)

IV--Bonding of Reserve officers.--1. The provisions of AR 35-220, governing the bonding of Regular Army officers, have equal application to Reserve officers on extended active duty.

2. As Reserve officers on duty under the Thomason Act (approved August 30, 1935) are called to active duty for a period of not to exceed one year, and for training primarily in the combat duties of the arms to which attached, the placing of them on duties involving money and property accountability should be avoided where Regular Army officers are available for that purpose.

3. The amount of bond to be furnished will be, in the case of officers of the grade of captain or higher, $10,000 and in the case of officers of grade lower than captain, $5,000.

4. Finance Service Form 0-20 (Blank form of official bond) with a set of instructions for accomplishment, may be obtained from corps area headquarters or from the Chief of Finance.

5. Commanding officers will be required to take necessary steps to insure that all Reserve officers serving under their jurisdiction furnish bond as required by this circular before they enter upon duty involving accountability.

(A.G. 324.5 (1-12-37).)

By order of the Secretary of War:

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The Adjutant General.

Circular No. 27
5 April, 1937
Blue Special Evening Dress and Mess Dress Uniforms

Circular
No. 27

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 5, 1937.

Blue uniforms (special evening dress and mess) and capes.—Pending the revision of AR 600-35, December 31, 1926, and AR 600-40, June 22, 1931, the following regulations pertaining to the special evening dress and blue mess uniforms, and the blue cape, are published:

1. General.—a. Special evening dress and blue mess uniforms and blue capes are adopted for optional wear by all officers and contract surgeons except as provided in b and c below.

b. All articles of uniform for wear by the General of the Armies, the Chief of Staff, former Chiefs of Staff, and other officers of the grade of general are such as each may prescribe for himself, except insignia of grade.

c. All officers and contract surgeons are authorized to provide themselves with the new uniforms at their option. All special evening dress and blue mess uniforms and blue capes purchased after the receipt of this circular, except as provided in b above, and in paragraph 5, AR 600-40, will conform to the specifications contained herein. Existing special evening dress and blue mess uniforms and capes as formerly prescribed in SR 41 and 42 may be worn until no longer serviceable, except that after July 1, 1937, they will not be worn unless modified to conform to the standard ornamentation prescribed herein.

d. After April 10, 1937, the full dress uniform will not be purchased, except as prescribed under the provisions of paragraph 5, AR 600-40. All other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons who now have full dress uniforms may wear them as long as they are serviceable.

e. The adopted standards of cloths for these blue uniforms are —

(1) Coat, jacket, and cape, dark blue.
(a) Beaver.
(b) Broadcloth.
(c) Crepe.
(d) Doeskin.

(2) Trousers, blue mess.—(a) Material.—The same materials as in (1) above.

(b) Color.

1. General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force, dark blue.

2. All other officers and contract surgeons, sky blue.

(3) Trousers, special evening dress.--Of the same material and color as the coat.

(4) Vest.

(a) Blue mess.--Of the same material and color as the jacket, or of white pique material.

(b) Special evening dress.--Of white pique material.

2. Special evening dress uniform.--All officers and contract surgeons.

a. Various articles of clothing.

(1) Aiguillettes.--See paragraph 2a, Section I, Circular No. 7, War Department, 1937.

(2) Buttons.--As prescribed in paragraph 4, AR 600-35.

(3) Cap, dress.--As prescribed in paragraph 2j, Section I, Circular No. 7, War Department, 1937, as amended by Circular No. 19, War Department, 1937.

(4) Coat.--(a) In general.--An evening dress coat cut on the lines of the civilian evening dress coat, provided with a means of attaching the shoulder knots, and with two buttonholes on each side below the turn of the lapel, lapel to be of same material as the coat. For those authorized to wear aiguillettes, two buttons placed about 2 inches apart on under side of left or right lapel, depending on position in which aiguillette is worn.

(b) Buttons.--Two large regulation coat buttons on each side in front and four on the skirt, two at the top and two at the bottom.

(c) Sleeve ornamentation.--(Insignia of arm or service, and insignia of grade for general officers, may be embroidered or of metal.)

1. For general officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--A cuff of blue-black velvet 4 inches wide with a band of oak leaves about 1 inch in width, embroidered in gold, 1 inch below the upper edge of sleeve cuff. 1 inch above the upper edge of sleeve cuff the insignia of grade as follows: Lieutenant general, 3 stars, 1 inch in diameter, 2 3/4 inches between centers, center star in center of sleeve;

major general, 2 stars, 2 3/4 inches between centers, centered horizontally on sleeve; brigadier general, 1 star in center of sleeve.

2. For general officers designated as chiefs or assistant chiefs of arm or service.--A cuff the same as in 1 above. In center of sleeve and 1 inch above upper edge of cuff, the insignia of arm or service. Insignia of grade, as in 1 above, 1 inch above insignia of arm or service.

3. Other officers and contract surgeons.--On each sleeve a band of two 1/4-inch two-vellum gold lace stripes placed 1/4 inch apart over a silk stripe of the first-named color of the arm or service, the bottom of the sleeve band to be 3 inches above the end of the sleeve; to be surmounted by the insignia of grade and insignia of arm or service.

(a) Colonel.--A knot composed of three loops, one large upper and two smaller lower loops. Knot to be formed by five rows of 1/8-inch gold or gilt soutache, ends of knot resting on the sleeve band. Outside dimensions of knot to be $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches from upper edge of the sleeve band to the top of upper loop and 6 3/4 inches across between outer edges of lower loops. Insignia of arm or service will be worn in the center of the space formed by the lower curves of the knot and the upper edge of the sleeve band.

(b) Lieutenant colonel.--Same as (a) above except that there will be four rows of gold or gilt soutache.

(c) Major.--Same as (a) above except that there will be three rows of gold or gilt soutache.

(d) Captain.--Same as (a) above except that there will be two rows of gold or gilt soutache.

(e) First lieutenant.--Same as (a) above except that there will be one row of gold or gilt soutache.

(f) Second lieutenant.--Without loop. Insignia of arm or service worn in center and one inch above sleeve band.

(5) Collar, white.--Full dress.

(6) Decorations, etc.--Miniature decorations and medals may be worn as prescribed by paragraph 53c, AR 600-40. The War Department General Staff identification may be worn as authorized in Section I, Circular No. 45, War Department, 1933, as amended by Section IV, Circular No. 1, War Department, 1937.

(7) Footgear.--(a) Shoes.--Black, of commercial design and usage.

(b) Socks.--Black.

(8) Gloves, white.--Of kid, silk or other high-grade fabric.

(9) Shirt.--Civilian full dress. Gold studs.

(10) Shoulder knots.--As prescribed in paragraph 11, AR 600-35.

(11) Tie.--Black dress, silk, with square ends, without stripe or figure.

(12) Trousers.--(a) Cut on the lines of civilian trousers, without cuff.

(b) Ornamentation.

1. General officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.--Two 1/2-inch stripes of two-vellum gold lace spaced 1/2 inch apart.

2. All other officers and contract surgeons.--A stripe 1 inch wide, consisting of two 5/16-inch outer stripes of two-vellum gold lace, with an inner silk stripe of the first-named color of the arm or service.

(13) Vest.--Single breasted, cut low, with rolling collar, rounded bottom without points and supplied with three removable small regulation coat buttons.

b. The special evening dress uniform may be worn --

(1) At the White House for evening social events.

(2) At formal evening social events.

(3) On other occasions as authorized by the commanding officer.

3. Blue mess uniform.--All officers and contract surgeons.

a. Various articles of clothing.

(1) Aiguillettes.--See paragraph 2a, Section I, Circular No. 7, War Department, 1937.

(2) Buttons.--As prescribed in paragraph 4, AR 600-35.

(3) Cap, dress.--As prescribed in paragraph 2j, Section I, Circular No. 7, War Department, 1937, as amended by Circular No. 19, War Department, 1937.

(4) Collar, white.--Full dress or hard, turn-down.

(5) Decorations, etc.--Miniature decorations and medals may be worn as prescribed by paragraph 53c, AR 600-40. The War Department General Staff identification may be worn as authorized in Section I, Circular No. 45, War Department, 1933, as amended by Section IV, Circular No. 1, War Department, 1937.

The regimental insignia authorized in paragraph 49f, AR 600-40 may be worn on the lapels of the mess jacket; centered horizontally about on line with the notch of the lapel and vertically about one inch from the inside point of the notch of the lapel, in all cases to be placed on the colored facing of the lapel.

(6) Footgear.--(a) Shoes.--Black, of commercial design and usage.

(b) Socks.--Black.

(7) Jacket, blue mess.--(a) In general.--To be cut like the special evening dress, to descend to point of hips, slightly curved to a peak behind and in front; two buttonholes on each front, below the turn of the lapel, the lower being about 1½ inches from the bottom of jacket; three large regulation coat buttons on each side, beginning about 1½ inches from the bottom of the jacket and spaced 2 to 3½ inches apart, following the line of outer edge of lapel; suitable shoulder knot fastenings on shoulders; buttons under lapel for aiguillette (par. 2a (3)(a), this circular).

(b) Lapels.--To have a facing of cloth of the first-named color of arm or service (general officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force to have dark blue silk and chaplains black silk), outer edge of facing to be 1¼ inches from the edge of the lapel and parallel to it, and follow the line of step and seam of collar.

(c) Sleeve ornamentation.--The same as for the sleeves of the special evening dress coat. See paragraph 2a(3)(c), this circular.

(8) Shirt.--Civilian full dress. Gold studs.

(9) Shoulder knots.--As prescribed in paragraph 11, AR 600-35.

(10) Tie.--Black dress, silk, with square ends, without stripe or figure.

(11) Trousers.--Of the same cut and ornamentation as blue dress trousers except that the waist will be cut high and there will be no side or hip pockets.

(12) Vest.--Single breasted, cut low, with rolling collar, rounded bottom without points.

(a) Blue.--Fastened with three small regulation coat buttons.

(b) White.--Supplied with three removable small regulation coat buttons.

b. The blue mess uniform may be worn at --

(1) Formal social evening events.

(2) On other occasions as authorized by the commanding officer.

4. Cape.--All officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.

a. In general.--To reach to the tips of the fingers with the arms dropped to the sides, but not below the knee. To have a rolling (Prussian) collar of blue-black velvet, about 3 inches wide, fastened with hook and eye. An agraffe of black mohair cord to fasten across the breast, one end to be secured in front and just below the lower end of the left shoulder seam with a black mohair olivette button. A button of the same description to be placed in front and just below the lower end of the right shoulder seam to engage the other end of agraffe.

b. Lining.--Capes will be lined with dark blue cloth for general officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force, and with the appropriate first-named color for other officers, warrant officers, and contract surgeons.

c. The cape may be worn with any blue uniform.

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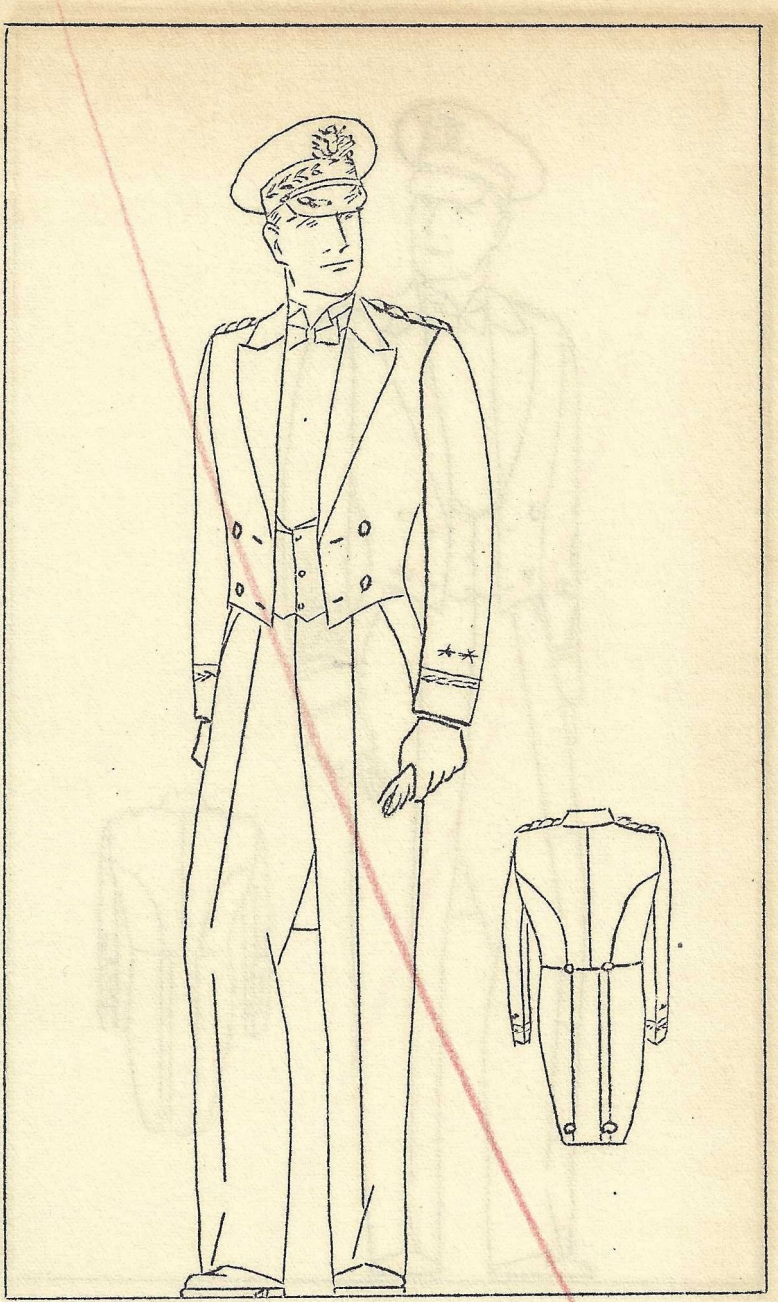
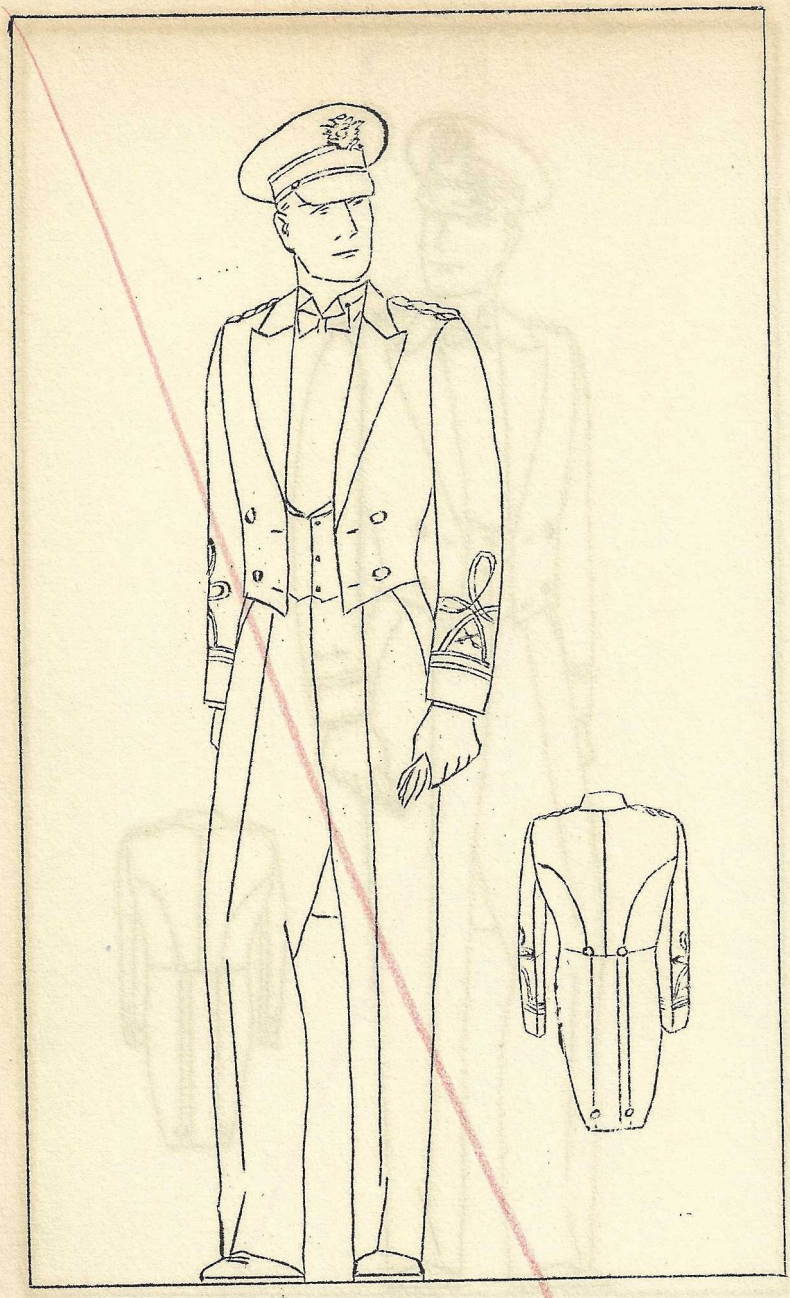


Figure 1.--Special evening dress uniform for general officers of the line and of the GHQ Air Force.



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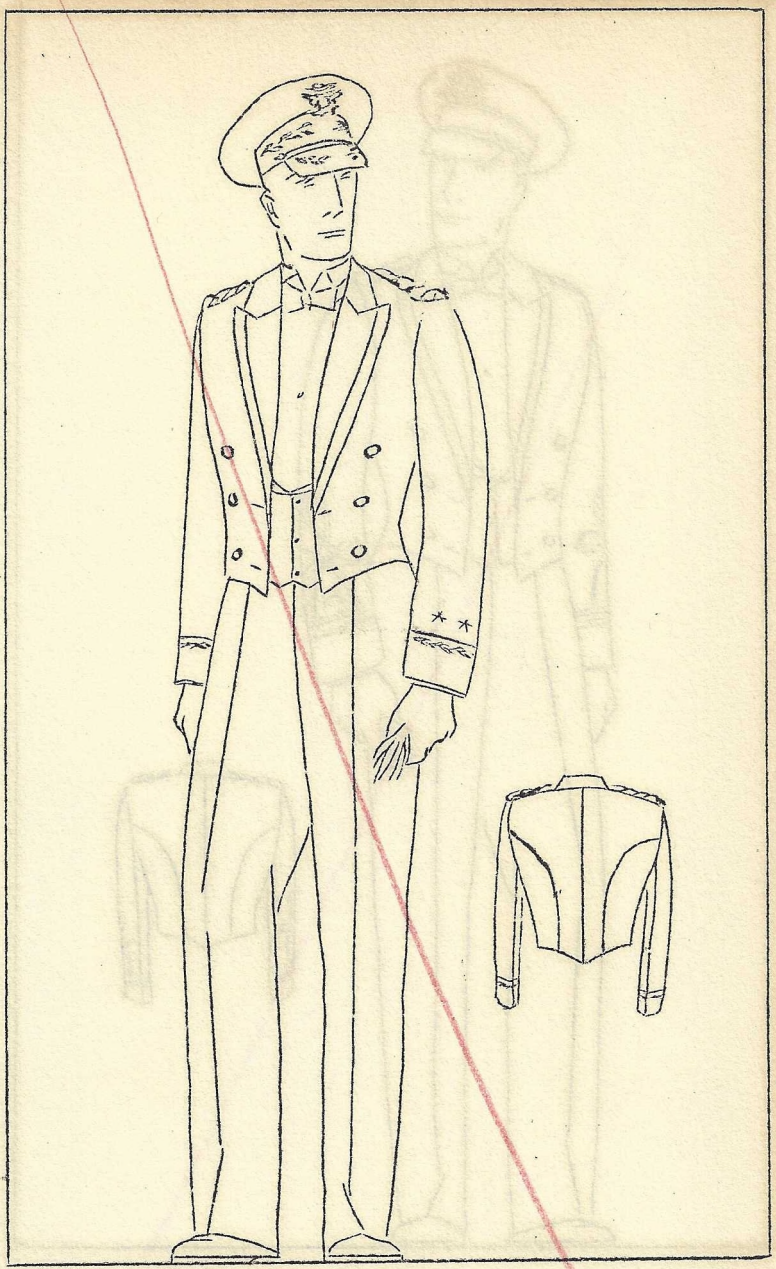

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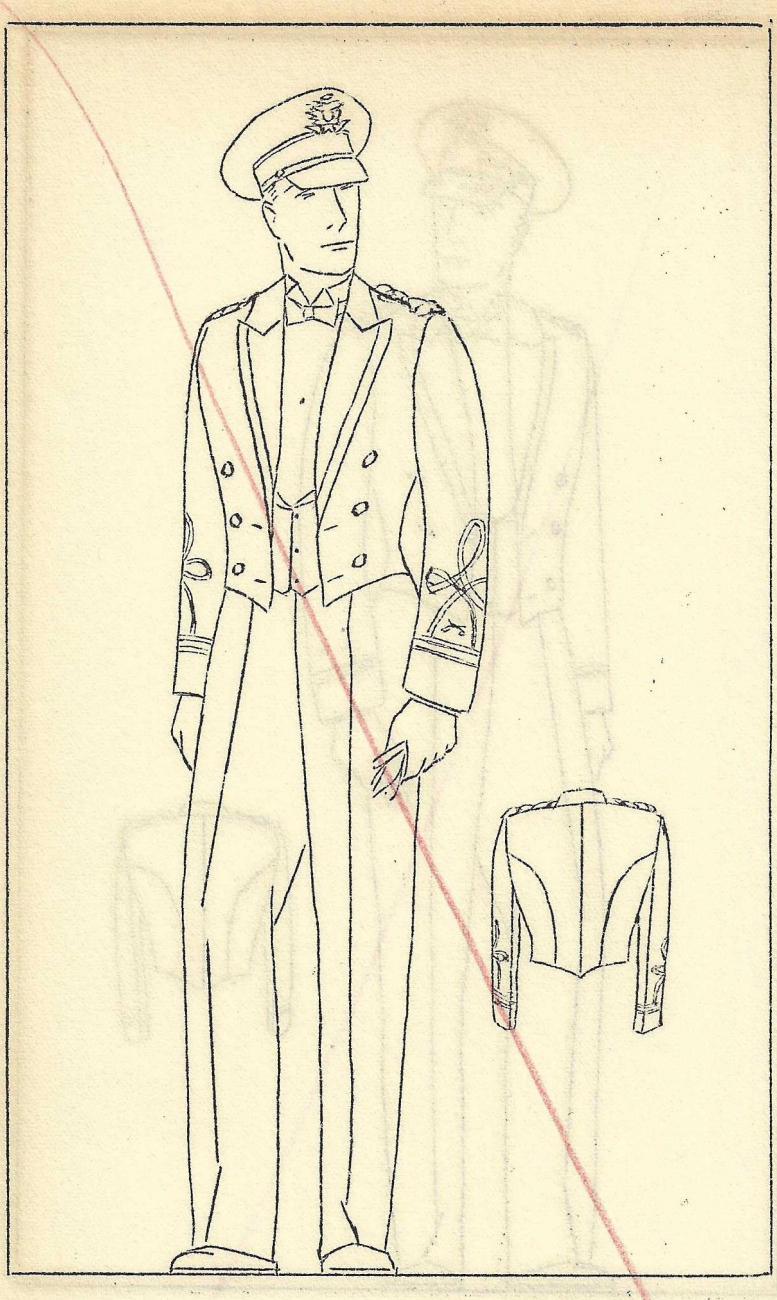

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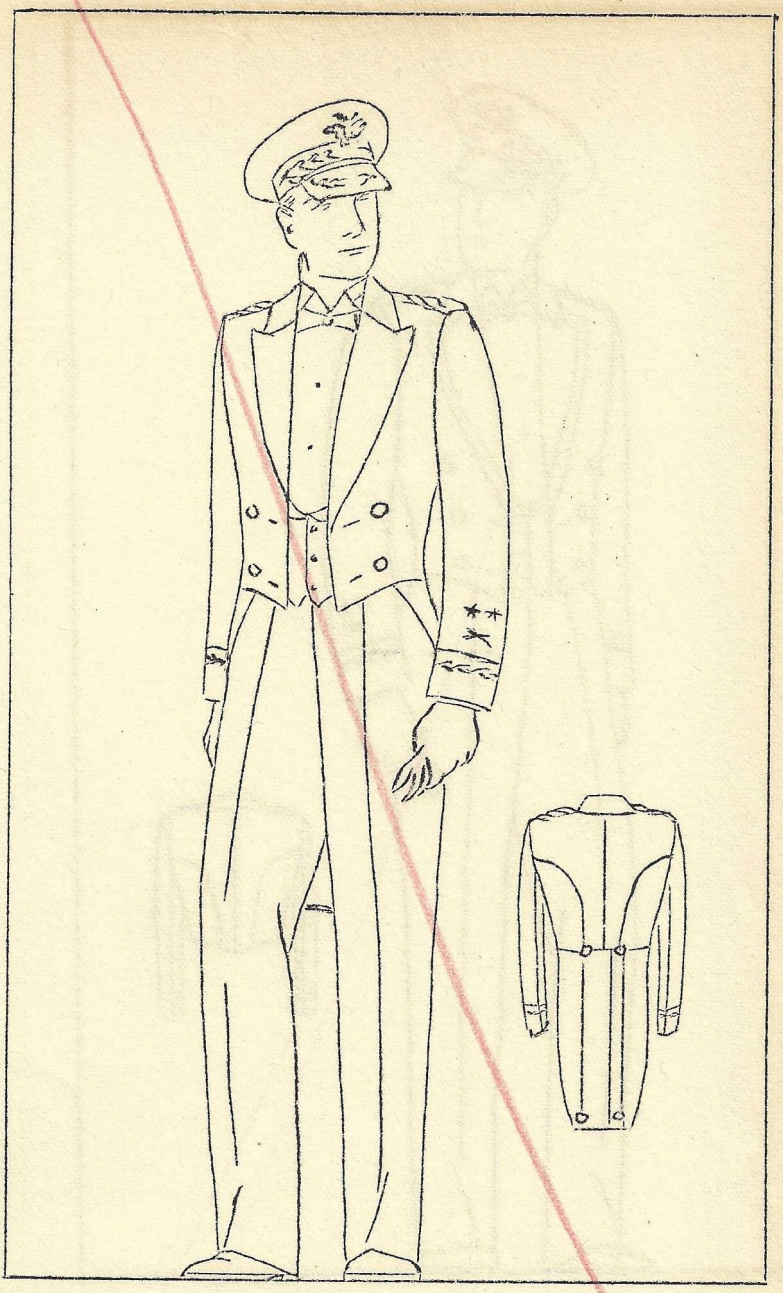

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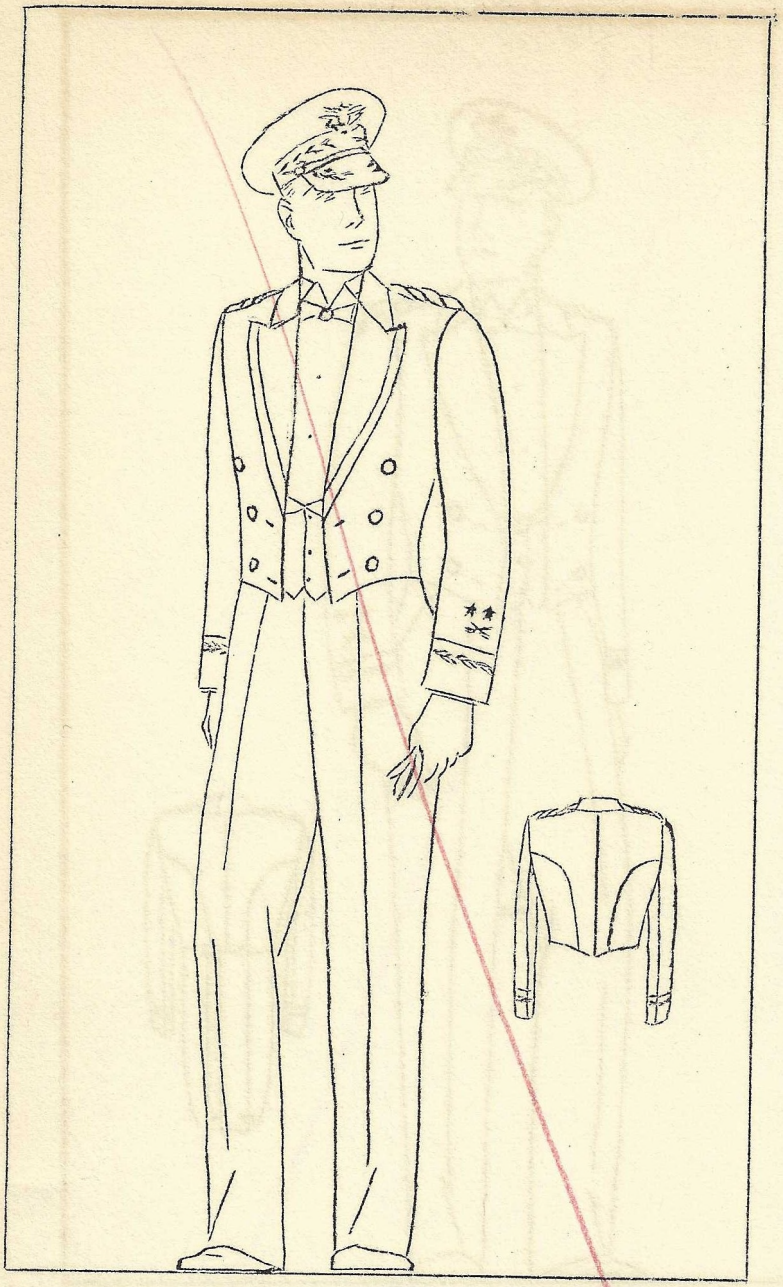

Figure 6.--Blue mess uniform for general officers designated as chiefs or assistant chiefs of arms or services.

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25 September, 1937
White Mess Dress Uniform

Circular
No. 64

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, September 25, 1937.

White mess uniform.--Pending the revision of AR 600-35 and AR 600-40, the following regulations pertaining to the white mess uniform are published:

1. General.--a. By whom worn.--The white mess uniform is to be worn in the Tropics, and is also authorized for optional wear in the United States, by all officers and contract surgeons. Its wearing is optional for warrant officers in all places.

b. When worn.

(1) For ordinary evening wear. (The white dress uniform may be worn instead in the Tropics, and in the United States when prescribed by the commanding officer.)

(2) For evening functions of a general or a private nature.

2. Articles.

a. Cap, white.

(1) Material.--Snow-white summer cloth (Palm Beach, etc.), linen, cotton twill, or duck.

(2) Crown.--Based on a size 7-1/8, about 11-1/4 inches from front to rear, and about 10-1/2 inches from side to side, graduated according to size, stiffened in front by springs and falling without stiffening to the rear, with two eyelets 1/2 inch from the welt seam, and about 3/4 inch on each side of side seam of quarters. Top stiffened at rim with 3/8-inch flat grommet. A detachable cover, without lining, fitted snugly over body band.

(3) Visor.--Top of black patent leather, waterproof, lined with embossed green hatters' leather. Greatest width about 2-3/16 inches, and slope from vertical of about 56 degrees.

(4) Chin strap.--Leather, in two parts, each 1/2 inch in width, one end forming a slide and the other fastened to cap at end of visor with a small regulation cap button.

(5) Ornamentation.--A band of white braid 1-3/4 inches in width around entire cap. Bottom of body band lined with dark blue cloth. Chin strap covered with two-vellum gold lace. Insignia, the same as for service cap.

b. Collar, white.--Full dress or hard, turn-down.

c. Decorations and service medals.--Miniature

decorations and medals may be worn as prescribed by paragraph 53c, AR 600-40. The War Department General Staff identification may be worn as authorized in Section I, Circular No. 45, War Department, 1933, as amended by Section IV, Circular No. 1, War Department, 1937. The regimental insignia authorized in paragraph 49f, AR 600-40 may be worn on the lapels of the mess jacket; centered horizontally about on line with the notch of the lapel and vertically about one inch from the inside point of the notch of the lapel.

d. Gloves, white (when prescribed).--Of kid, silk, or other high-grade fabric.

e. Jacket, white mess.

(1) Material.--Snow-white summer cloth (Palm Beach, etc.), linen, cotton twill, or duck.

(2) Specifications.

(a) In general.--To be cut like the special evening dress, to descend to point of hips, slightly curved to a peak behind and in front; two buttonholes om each front, below the turn of the lapel, the lower being about 1½ inches from the bottom of jacket; two small regulation buttons joined by a small gold or gilt chain about 1½ inches long for optional wear in upper buttonholes; three large regulation coat buttons (detachable) on each side, beginning about 1½ inches from the bottom of the jacket and spaced 2 to 3½ inches apart, following the line of outer edge of lapel, lapel to be of same material as the jacket; suitable shoulder knot fastenings on shoulders; for those authorized to wear aiguillettes, two detachable buttons placed about 2 inches apart on under side of right or left lapel, depending on position in which aiguillette is worn.

(b) Sleeve, ornamentation.--(Insignia of arm or service to be of metal.)

1. General officers.--To have a cuff of heavy white braid 4 inches in width. One inch above the upper edge of sleeve cuff the insignia of grade as follows:

(a) Lieutenant general.--Three white embroidered stars, 1 inch in diameter, 2 3/4 inches between centers, center star in center of sleeve.

(b) Major general.--Two white embroidered stars, 2 3/4 inches between centers, centered horizontally on sleeve.

(c) Brigadier general.--One white embroidered star in center of sleeve.

2. Other officers and contract surgeons.--To have a band of white braid $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width, the lower edge 3 inches from the end of the sleeve, to be surmounted by insignia of grade and insignia of arm or service as follows:

(a) Colonel.--A knot composed of three loops, one large upper and two smaller lower loops. Knot to be formed of five rows of 1/8-inch white soutache braid, ends of knot resting on the sleeve band. Outside dimensions of knot to be about $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches from upper edge of the sleeve band to the top of upper loop and about 6 inches across between outer edges of lower loops. Insignia of arm or service will be worn in the center of the space formed by the lower curves of the knot and the upper edge of the sleeve band.

(b) Lieutenant colonel.--Same as (a) above except that there will be four rows of white braid.

(c) Major.--Same as (a) above except that there will be three rows of white braid.

(d) Captain.--Same as (a) above except that there will be two rows of white braid.

(e) First lieutenant.--Same as (a) above except that there will be one row of white braid.

(f) Second lieutenant.--Without knot. Insignia of arm or service to be worn in center and 1 inch above sleeve band.

3. Warrant officers.--To be without knot or braid. Warrant officers' insignia to be worn on the sleeve, centered, 4 inches from edge of sleeve.

f. Shirt.--Civilian full dress. Gold studs.

g. Shoes.--Black (white with white trousers) of commercial design and usage.

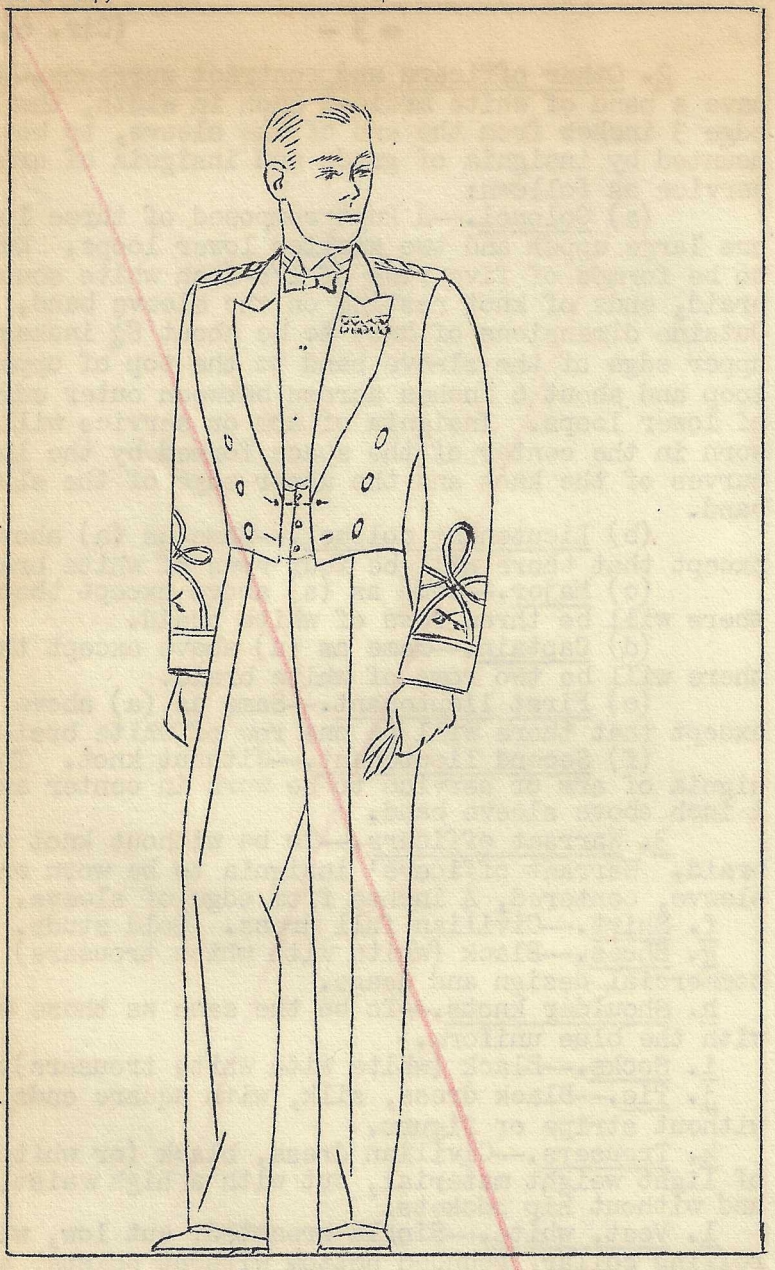
h. Shoulder knots.--To be the same as those worn with the blue uniform.

i. Socks.--Black (white with white trousers).

j. Tie.--Black dress, silk, with square ends, without stripe or figure.

k. Trousers.--Civilian dress, black (or white), of light weight material, cut with a high waist, and without hip pockets.

l. Vest, white.--Single breasted, cut low, with rolling collar, rounded bottom without points, and supplied with three removable small regulation coat buttons.



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